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SUBJECT: VISIT OF EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS

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1. SUMMARY. COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS MADE HIS FIRST FORMAL VISIT TO BONN ON MAY 12-13. AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM WAS PREPARED FOR HIM, WHICH IN ITSELF REVEALED THE IMPORTANCE ACCORDED THIS VISIT BY THE FRG. JENKINS MET WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT FOR A DISCUSSION "UNDER FOUR EYES", BREAKFASTED ALONE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, AND MET WITH OTHER CABINET MEMBERS. THE CHIEF TOPICS

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COVERED IN JENKINS' DISCUSSIONS WERE EC ENLARGEMENT, CIEC, THE REGIONAL FUND, THE EC "CONCERTED ACTION" PROGRAM, AND FINANCING THE EC BUDGET. UPON HIS DEPARTURE JENKINS CATEGORIZED HIS DISCUSSIONS IN BONN AS "EXCEPTIONALLY SUCCESSFUL". END SUMMARY.

2. FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL (TRUMPF) INVOLVED IN PRE-

PARATIONS FOR THE VISIT OF EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS TOLD EMBOFF THAT FRG TOOK GREAT PAINS TO LAY OUT THE RED CARPET. THE TWO-DAY PROGRAM FOR JENKINS COMMENCED WITH A VISIT TO THE BUNDESTAG TO HEAR SCHMIDT'S REPORT ON THE DOWNING STREET SUMMIT. THERE JENKINS WAS WELCOMED BY THE CHANCELLOR AND BY BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT CARSTENS (CDU). IN ADDITION TO HIS PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER, JENKINS CALLED ON PRESIDENT SCHEEL, ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH, FINANCE MINISTER APEL, AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION MINISTER SCHLEI. IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE HE MET WITH STATE SECRETARY VON DOHNANYI FOR AN OFFICIAL-LEVEL DISCUSSION.

3. OUR SOURCES COULD NOT INFORM US OF TOPICS COVERED IN JENKINS' MEETING WITH THE CHANCELLOR. IN HIS PRIVATE MEETING WITH GENSCHER, THE DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED EC ENLARGEMENT AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN BERLIN AND THE EC. GENSCHER REPORTED ON HIS RECENT ASIAN TRIP, AND PARTICULARLY ON THE INTEREST EXPRESSED BY ASEAN MEMBER STATES IN STRENGTHENING ASEAN-EC TIES.

4. THE OFFICIAL-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE CENTERED ON CIEC AND EC ENLARGEMENT. TRUMPF DESCRIBED THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ENLARGEMENT AS MOST HELPFUL, FOR THEY SHOWED JENKINS THAT THE FRG AND THE COMMISSION WERE ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH. TRUMPF COMMENTED THAT THE FRG ACCEPTS THE VIEW THAT THE ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS CANNOT BE GLOBALIZED. (COMMENT: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS CONTRADICTS VIEWS RECENTLY EXPRESSED BY ECONMIN DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MORAWITZ, SEE REFTEL.)

5. MORAWITZ IN ECONMIN TOLD EMBOFF THAT JENKINS AND MINISTER FRIDERICH, WENT INTO A GOOD REVIEW OF THE FUTURE OF THE EC REGIONAL FUND, THE EC "CONCERTED ACTION" MEETINGS, AND THE FRG DESIRE TO BE RELIEVED OF SOME OF ITS BURDEN OF FINANCING THE EC BUDGET.

6. FRIDERICH PUT FORTH GERMAN VIEWS ON REFORMING THE REGIONAL FUND. THE FRG WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT REGIONAL FUND PROGRAMS TO THE MOST BACKWARD AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY: THE MEZZOGIORNO, NORTHERN SCOTLAND, AND IRELAND. HOWEVER, THE FRG RECOGNIZES THAT SUCH A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN THE REGIONAL FUND WOULD BE POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE FRENCH, FOR IT WOULD IMPLY A HALT IN THE RE-FLOW TO FRANCE OF HER CONTRIBUTIONS. THEREFORE, FRIDERICH INDICATED THAT THE FRG WOULD BE SATISFIED FOR THE TIME BEING WITH LESS FAR-

REACHING REFORMS. THE FRG IS WILLING TO ACCEPT SOME REGIONAL FUND SUPPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS, BUT WANTS TO SEE THIS SUPPORT LIMITED TO EITHER 40 OR 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL REGIONAL FUND OUTLAYS. THE FRG

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BELIEVES THAT BY-AND-LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS SHOULD BE FINANCED BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS. PROVIDED SOME REFORM CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED, FRIDERICH ASSURED JENKINS THAT THE FRG WOULD SUPPORT A MODEST INCREASE IN THE REGIONAL FUND.

7. IN DISCUSSING PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT "CONCERTED ACTION" MEETING OF EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND GOVERNMENTS TO BE HELD IN LATE JUNE, ECONMIN OFFICIALS WARNED JENKINS THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD NOT TRY TO STRUCTURE

THE MEETING IN A WAY THAT WOULD LEAD TO DECISIONS.
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WITH EACH COUNTRY HAVING NINE REPRESENTATIVES, ANY ATTEMPT TO COME OUT WITH SETS OF DECISIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD, IN THE GERMAN VIEW, BE FRUITLESS. THE GERMANS ALSO ASKED JENKINS TO BE SURE THAT THE PAPER BEING PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THIS MEETING BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO DISSEMINATION TO THE EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER GROUPS. MORAWITZ COMMENTED THAT COMMISSION DOCUMENTATION FOR SUCH MEETINGS SHOULD BE NEUTRAL AS FAR AS GOVERNMENT POLICIES ARE CONCERNED AND THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE THE PLACE FOR THE COMMISSION TO LODGE CRITICISMS OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

8. FRIDERICH AND JENKINS ALSO DISCUSSED FUTURE BURDEN SHARING IN FINANCING THE EC BUDGET, AS THE COMMUNITY MOVES TO ITS OWN-FINANCING SYSTEM. THE BURDEN-SHARING FORMULA ALREADY WORKED OUT WILL PROVIDE FOR A SLIGHT DROP IN THE FRG SHARE. THE GERMANS BELIEVE THEY ARE JUSTIFIED IN PRESSING FOR A MUCH GREATER DROP IN THEIR SHARE, BUT RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IN TURN WOULD REQUIRE GREATER PAYMENTS FROM THE BRITISH. MORAWITZ INDICATED THAT THE FRG WILL PROBABLY PURSUE THIS ISSUE BILATERALLY WITH THE UK.

9. COMMENT: GENSCHER'S RAISING THE SUBJECT OF ASEAN-EC CONTACTS REFLECTS THE FRG'S INTEREST IN PROMOTION OF POLITICAL COOPERATION. A FONOFF SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT THE FRG IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE ASEAN-EC EXCHANGES AMOUNTING TO MUCH IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BECAUSE ASEAN AS AN ORGANIZATION IS MUCH WEAKER THAN THE EC.
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